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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): James W. Schumm et al. **Docket No.:** 016026.9180
Serial No.: 09/784,423 **Group Art Unit:** 1631
Filed: February 15, 2001 **Examiner:** James Martinell
Confirmation No: 5149

FOR: MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AND ANALYZING
INTERMEDIATE TANDEM REPEAT DNA MARKERS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2003, Applicants request entry of the following amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims. This amendment is accompanied by a petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the period for reply to May 17, 2003, and the required fee. Because May 17, 2003 fell on a Saturday, this response, filed May 19, 2003, is being filed within four months.